## City of Eastport, Maine

## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, domestic abuse and violence are serious injustices that affect people and families of all races, ages, genders, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, each year nearly half the homicides in Maine are related to domestic abuse and violence; and

**WHEREAS** in Washington County, over 400 people affected by domestic violence reach out for help each year and 14,000 in the state and

**WHEREAS**, domestic abuse and violence are preventable through public education initiatives, advocacy for better policies and support systems, resources for people affected by abuse, and holding perpetrators to account; and

**WHEREAS**, we all have a role to play in changing the cultural norms and interrupting the belief systems that underlie abuse and in making abusive behavior socially unacceptable: and

**WHEREAS**, Eastport Breaks the Silence on Domestic Abuse Month is an opportunity to shine a critical light on the issue of domestic abuse and violence

**NOW,THEREFORE,** be it resolved the Eastport City Council does recognize July 2020 as

## EASTPORT BREAKS THE SILENCE ON DOMESTIC ABUSE MONTH

and urges all citizens to recognize this observance.

Signed June 11, 2020	
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Worded from Governor Janet Mills October 2019 Proclamation of Domestic Violence Awareness Month